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OF PRODUCING THE SAME DEVICE AND WAFER

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Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. All of these references were cited by the Examiner in the co-pending Application No. 10/135,393, in an Office Action dated October 28, 2005.

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